

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the unique social and cultural fabric of the United States of America is woven by generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been industrious leaders and continue to strengthen our economy and create American jobs through innovation and growing businesses; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have secured their own rights and access to equal opportunity and campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i has a proud history as a place where immigrants of diverse backgrounds can achieve their dreams through hard work, to become teachers in the classrooms, scientists in the field, leaders in government, soldiers on the battlefield and much more; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is home to immigrants from China, Japan, Korea, Micronesia, the Philippines, Portugal, Samoa, Thailand, Tonga, Vietnam and many, many more countries; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i has a sizeable community of immigrants with over 130 languages spoken in the state; and

WHEREAS, immigration enhances Hawai'i's cultural diversity, adding to the variety of languages, customs, music and cuisines enjoyed in the islands; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is a place where we celebrate our rich diversity and roots as immigrants, generation after generation;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as

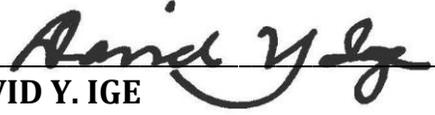
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in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of diversity, honoring the achievements of immigrants, celebrating their contributions to our communities, and sharing their stories and heritage.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-ninth day of May 2019.



JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i